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1. On 5 September 1953 the following commodity prices were in effect in Yönan;¹
all prices were in North Korean won:

<u>Commodity</u>	<u>Unit</u> ²	<u>Price</u>
Rice	1 tu ³	600 won
Millet	1 tu ³	500 won
Chicken	1	600 won
Swordfish	1 son (sic)	170 won
Mackerel	1 son	110 won
Liquor, Korean	1 sung	1,200 won
Caustic soda	53 gallons	270,000 won
Penicillin, powdered	1 bottle	500 won
Penicillin, oil	1 bottle	1,500 won
Gold	1 momme	8,000 won

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<u>Commodity</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Price</u>
Silver	1 kwan	60,000 won
Cloth, cotton	1 p'il	1,200 won
Cloth for western-style suit	1 suit	60,000 won
Shoes, men's, rubber	1 pair	1,700 won
Shoes, women's, rubber	1 pair	1,200 won
Shoes, sport	1 pair	1,800 won
Socks	1 pair	350 won
Towel	1	400 won
Matches	1 box	25 won
Lighter flints	1	10 won
Flashlight	1	1,200 won
Electric bulb	1	600 won
Bicycle, used	1	40,000 won
Motorcycle	1	60,000 won
Sewing machine	1	60,000 won

2. On 20 September 1953 the following commodity prices were in effect in Yönan; all prices were in North Korean won:

<u>Commodity</u>	<u>Unit²</u>	<u>Price</u>
Rice	1 small mal ⁴	600 won
Millet	1 small mal	550 won
Beef	1 mal (sic) ⁵	350 won
Pork	1 mal (sic) ⁵	400 won
Fowl, domestic, large	1	1,000 won
Shoes, men's, white rubber	1 pair	1,500 won
Hotel lodging, one night with two meals ⁴		400 won
Train ticket, Haeju to P'yöngyang		180 won
Admission fee for movies		30 won

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3. On 31 September 1953 the following commodity prices were in effect in the Ch'ongdan (N 37-58, E 126-56) (YC-5806) area; all prices were in North Korean won:

<u>Commodity</u>	<u>Unit²</u>	<u>Price</u>
Rice	1 small mal	750 won
Rice, new crop	1 small mal	500 won
Barley	1 small mal	400 won
Beans, red	1 small mal	1,200 won
Noodles, iced	1 bowl	40 won
Chicken	1	600 won
Beef	1 kun	200 won
Pork	1 kun	150 won
Eggs	10	400 won
Shoes, rubber	1 pair	750-800 won
Cloth, cotton	1 p'il	700 won
Matches	10 packages	250 won

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2. Comment. One small mal is equivalent to 1.03 pecks; one sung is equivalent to .48 gallon; one momme is equivalent to 3.75 grams; one kwan is equivalent to 8.265 pounds; one p'il is equivalent to 55 feet; one kun is equivalent to 21.16 ounces; and one tu is equivalent to one large mal or 2.06 pecks.
3. Comment. One small mal or one-half of a tu was probably intended.
4. Comment. The price per small mal was 800 North Korean won in Haeju, and 1,000 won in P'yongyang. Hotel lodging with two meals in P'yongyang cost 600 won each night.
5. Comment. Possibly 1 kun was intended.

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